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S/C1
cm1

a water-soluble superabsorbent polymer precursor;
optionally a viscosity modifying agent; and
a binder selected from a group consisting of polyester, urethane,
epoxy, latex and mixtures thereof.

S/C2

B2

8. (Amended) A water-resistant coating comprising a
superabsorbent water-soluble polymer, wherein the superabsorbent polymer is
obtained as an aqueous solution of a polymer precursor and a binder and is
cured to form a superabsorbent polymer.

Please cancel claims 16-18 without prejudice.